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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JANUARY 7, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on January 7, 2016, at 9:43 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, MA, LRC, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Vice-Chair (available by phone conference)
Diane Licht, LPC, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member (left at 2PM)
Dana Kaspereen, Ph.D., LPC, LCADC, Committee Member (left at 1:30PM)
W. Michael Shea, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (Public Session)
Nancy Costello Miller, Deputy Attorney General (Portion of Executive Meeting)
Edward Reading, Ph.D., LCADC, (Chair, Alcohol and Drug Committee, portion of Executive Meeting)
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative
Celeste Paige, Administrative Assistant

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by W. Michael Shea, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Subcommittee recommended to approve the December 3, 2015 minutes as amended. MFT Board ratified this determination at its January 14, 2016 meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA
Edina Renfro-Michel
Kathy Mangano
Lucille Geswaldi
Judith Lapida
John MacDonell
Connie Bareford

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

No items to review.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1

Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow, discussed with the Committee and members of the public the procedure for the proposed regulation changes to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1. The public comment period closed on November 20, 2015, and all public comments were reviewed by the Committee.

There were 93 total public comments regarding the proposed regulation changes presented for Committee review.

B. Assembly Bill 4582

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4582, which establishes the “Drama Therapist and Dance/Movement Therapists Licensing Act.”

Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to not support the bill as drama/ dance therapy should not be an independent practice, and there is already a certification in drama/ dance therapy that is open to any licensed mental health therapist. The Committee further commented that the bill states the drama/ dance therapists may engage in psychotherapy, but the course work education related to drama/ dance therapy does not qualify them to be engaged in counseling or psychotherapy. Therefore the Committee feels they should not be able to practice psychotherapy unless properly educated to do so. Voting in favor: all.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No items to review.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to review.

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA addressed the Committee regarding the NJCA’s position of the proposed amendment to regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1.

XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft will be presented for Committee review at a later date.

B. Internet Counseling:

Committee member Peter Economou is working with Assistant Deputy Director Terry Goldberg and a law intern to compile all data from 11 states with regard to internet therapy, as well as Dr. Reading's correspondence. The law intern will begin working on the project in January 2016. Once completed, all information will be summarized for the full Committee to review.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

A. Troy R. Leonard, LPC - December 3, 2015

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 4, 2016.

Meeting Dates for 2016

February 4, 2016
March 3, 2016
April 7, 2016
May 5, 2016
June 2, 2016
July 7, 2016
August 7, 2016
September 1, 2016
October 6, 2016
November 3, 2016
December 1, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Simmons, Jenna
Wheeler, Christen
Gonzalez, Amber
Waite, Cheryl
Chrzan, Jamie
Martino, Jamie
Coyle-Handy, Lynn
Hayes, Jasmine
Song, Paul
Ukhueduan, Michael
Juska, Michelle
Ruiz, Lorraine
Gallagher, Richard

Caggiano, Laureen
Lerer, Bianca
Arana, Maria

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Vollmer, Valentine
Herschman, Andrew
Yaloviteer, Jerry
Turner, Heather
Stofko, Constance
Lloyd, Christina
Charles, Regina
Ferrera, Jeffrey
Khanom, Runa
Noto, Danielle
Gimpel, Heather
Pestana-Szwarc, Susana
Andrews, Colleen
Donner, Courtney
Perchiacca, Christina
Kostrey, Julie
Gallagher, Lauren
Lewis, Michelle
Russo, Helana
Patla, Rachel
Smith, Kelly
Shannon Peterson-Hoelter

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Tramontelli, Gino
Douglass, Jonathan
Saint-Armand, Prosline
Reed, Samantha
Choate, Erin
Stanco, Nicholas
Hofacker, Julie
DeRicco, Jacqueline
Dimun, Amy
Terzis, Casey
Olivera, Lorena
Hedlund, Nicole
DiSabato, Jaclyn
Pearson, Trisha
Mackenzie, Elizabeth

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by William Green, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 3:27p.m. Voting in favor: all.